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REA EXCEEDS \$5,000 GOAL IN WAR CHEST DRIVE

THREE DIVISIONS PLEDGE ONE HUNDRED PERCENT

MAGUIRE GETS BRONZE STAR, PURPLE HEART

Word has reached the Roll Call that the Bronze Star Medal and the Purple Heart were recently bestowed on Lt. Thomas Maguire.

Tom is a modest so-and-so; he wouldn't send us a copy of the citations accompanying the medals. But we're trying to get it anyway and we'll publish it in the Roll Call as soon as possible.

Lt. Maguire is on military furlough from Applications and Loans. His most recent letter came from Luxembourg.

YOUNG MAN,

BE YOUR OWN BOSS!

(A prize-winning letter submitted by Robert H. Reed, editor of "Country Gentleman", in a \$25,000 contest conducted by "Reader's Digest." The magazine realizes that "thousands of returning veterans and demobilized workers will want to set up a post-war business for themselves" and is conducting the contest for ideas on unusual small enterprises.)

RURAL ELECTRIFICATION will be one of the first and greatest after-war developments: authorities estimate that electric service will be extended to over 5,000,000 new rural customers under proposed state rural electrification programs now contemplated. Blue-prints are ready, and the job, involving three million man-years of labor, waits only for men and materials.....

The veteran who has some knowledge of electricity can pioneer in this field, either establishing his own business or working his way into partnership with established businesses that need new blood. There's a whole new world to be built out beyond the city pavements of the 48 states, and who is better equipped to build and service it than the thousands of rural GI Joes who want to stand on their own feet?

REA LAWYERS-IN-KNAKI TO GET "LEGALITE"

Ann Hoffelmeyer, editor of "The Legalite", weekly publication for staff members of the Associate Solicitor's office, announced today that copies of the paper will henceforth be mimeographed and sent to all military furloughs in that division.

The staff members of three REA divisions contributed or pledged contributions 100% in the REA War Chest Campaign which is now nearing completion. The goal of \$5,000 was exceeded October 26, five days before the end of the drive.

Pledges and contributions are still coming in, mostly from field employees, according to Joseph F. Marion, vice-chairman of the REA campaign.

The Office of the Administrator, Personnel Division and Information Division chalked up 100% participation. Highest average contribution was \$14.63 in the Office of the Administrator. Highest divisional total was \$1,059 in the Finance Division. Grand total for the organization at this writing is \$5,002.50.

Funds collected throughout St. Louis will be divided among 122 charitable and social agencies, including the U. S. O.

HERE'S A DIGEST OF THE NEW PACE ACT AND ITS SIGNIFICANCE FOR REA

When President Roosevelt signed the Pace Act on September 21st, he opened the way for an eventual broadening of REA-financed rural electrification into "thinner" territory by liberalization of the terms of REA loans.

This is a nut-shell view of the most important points of the new law:

- 1) reduction of interest rates on all REA loans to 2 percent
- 2) removal of the time limit on the REA loan program, previously set at June 30, 1946
- 3) extension of the maximum permitted amortization schedule for present and future loans from 25 to 35 years under certain conditions

REA PUBLICIZED ON SOUTH SEA ISLE; RUSHMER SENDS "CORAL CHRONICLE" CLIPPING

The September 23 issue of "The Coral Chronicle", a two-page mimeographed daily published on an unidentified South Sea island by U. S. Navy personnel, carries an article about President Roosevelt's signing of the Pace Bill.

The paper was sent to Administrator Slattery by Lt.-Cmdr. Ernest L. Rushmer.

Roll Call readers will recall Lt.-Cmdr. Rushmer's stirring account of his experiences aboard the ill-fated USS Hornet, published in full in the Jan. 30, 1943 issue of this paper. His letter was subsequently re-printed in "REA Is Different", an REA employee-training pamphlet.

BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

BORN: to Lt. and Mrs. Henry Bauer, a daughter, Harriette Chase, September 14.

MARRIED: Y-2/c Harriet Miner, WAVE, to S-1/c Ralph Heller, in Dubuque, September 16.

COLUMN WRITE

PILCHER IN BURMA AS SIGNAL OFFICER FOR
MERRILL'S MARAUDERS

Terse comments on the local power system are contained in a letter from Capt. Milton Pilcher, now stationed somewhere in Burma as Signal Officer for Merrill's Marauders.

The system was destroyed completely during the fight, he says, but the remains do not indicate that the hook-up ever came up to REA standards.

"I have also come to the conclusion," he adds, "that without the products of this electrical age, combat units could not function successfully in modern warfare. Without radios, most of us would still be beyond enemy lines. That experience may be worthwhile but hardly desirable."

GOING UP

T/Sgt. Sidney J. Gutman
Capt. Reginald L. Vassar
T/Sgt. Joseph W. Davis
Pfc. William C. Wise
S-1/c Wilmer F. Orndoff
S-1/c (SK) Fred F. Rinaca
Lt. George E. McPhee
Lt. (JG) N. M. Levinson

LOWERY SLEEPS 75 FEET FROM THE PACIFIC (BUT THE MESS HALL IS 50 FEET CLOSER)

A pyramidal tent located 75 feet from the shores of the Pacific is home sweet home to Capt. Don Lowery, New Guinea.

Best feature of the set-up, he writes, is the amazingly good radio reception. On a clear night he can get Sacramento and even Salt Lake City on his little AC/DC receiver.

"Another good feature is the fact that the mess hall is only 25 feet from my bunk."

Don is now Operations Officer for the AW Replacement Center of V Fighter Command.

SHORT TAKES: Herman Kuchler sent Lou Jorgensen two interesting souvenirs from France: a metal "wings insignia" pin and a felt "wings" patch. Both of them have a swastika. Herman and Carroll Starns, former Personnel Div. buddy, are now in France..... Flight Officer Jimmy Gruner has been transferred to Walla Walla. How about sending us your new address, J.L.?..... Giles Tenstone is now legal officer at the Frankford (Pa.) Arsenal. Recently he and the other officers were asked if a Wac could do their jobs. "According to reports," Giles says, "I'm the only guy who admitted the truth."..... Lt. Bob McClinchie was in town recently, shopping with the Mrs. Bob said they're still building ships like mad down in Tampa.... Frank Hanrahan still holds forth on the Emerald Isle..... Tony Capriglione, his pal, asked us to say hello..... Hello, Frank!..... Don't forget to drop the Roll Call a line when you get a chance. We'd like to hear from all of you. Our address is at the top of the front page.

Cpl. Al Gerber, Guadalcanal, has been travelling extensively. He has met many former members of REA co-ops, several REA linemen, and even one co-op manager..... Sol Silverman is now in uniform after almost two years as a civilian employee of the Chemical Warfare Service..... Ed Knight has a nine-day layover in Pittsburgh enroute from Virginia to his new FPO address..... Reginald Vassar has seen some "unbelievable sights" in France, he writes. No elaboration, however..... Henry Bazak doesn't say where he is but he states he may turn into a "hey-why-an".... Gus Anderson is eagerly awaiting the arrival of Warner Smith on his "rock".... Steve DeSimone is in Alaska.... It looks as if Don Allen is headed back across the pond..... Stan Vest drops a note to ask that his name be put on the Rural Electrification News list..... Don Basler is in Paris..... Bruce Watkins' September 4th Roll Call was blank on one side. We sent him another. Sorry!..... Dave Brody saw the March of Time featuring REA up in Portsmouth, N. H. You can recognize it by the title "Postwar Farms", in case you see it advertised..... Sid Gutman had a poem published in "PM" called "I Usta Be Worried"..... Charlie Kelchner is still helping to get the ammunition up to Gen. Patton's and Gen. Hodge's men. "They must have enough now," he says, "to blow Germany off the map."..... Phil Widman is in Luxembourg now. During a recent stay in Paris, he took in the Eiffel Tower, Rue de la Paix, Seine River, Latin Quarter, and the Arc de Triomphe. "It is no myth that a Parisian girl is an Eiffel, if you know what I mean," he winks..... Charlie Lewis praises the SeaBecs highly. "When I came here" he V-Mails from a San Francisco FPO, "this place contained a few open food dumps. Now it looks like a thriving city. They're building a new and larger theater and they're going to open up a new PX soon. With real ice cream."..... Received a very long letter from Zelda Krinowitz, New Guinea. On the way over they got only 2 meals a day, at 7 am and 4 pm. They ate standing up, used less space. At their destination they got loaded with atabrine (anti-malaria injection). Cigarettes are 4 1/2¢ a pack, gum 53¢ a carton. Zelda's with FEAF (Far East Air Forces)..... Nat Levinson is in the Aleutian area..... Joe Thurston says the war in France is hard on the French but harder on the Germans..... Bruce Watkins (here he is again) heralds the arrival of a shipment of Griesedieck Beer at his Pacific outpost (adv.)...... Joe Lang is Radar and Engineering Officer on the Submarine Stingray. He claims the sub service is the safest place in the Navy..... The head of the Department of Public Works, New South Wales, Australia, will be glad to see any REAers stationed in that area..... We have found Pfc. Kimzey but Pvt. Robin Lett is still lost..... When you change your address or your rank, please write to the REA Roll Call, 840 Eastman Bank Bldg., St. Louis 2, Missouri.